

Youth Activities



Legacy runs camps and helps to fund participation in youth programs such as Outward Bound and Young Endeavour.

These activities give the Junior Legatees the opportunity for cultural, physical and personal growth. They also have an excellent flow-on benefit of providing a time of respite for the mothers who otherwise face the task of raising children on their own.

Dependants with a Disability

Across Australia there are more than 1,200 Legacy dependants with a disability. Legacy is committed to respond to the specific needs of those individuals for the rest of their lives.

Regular outings, activities, and an annual camp are included in the general support available to the dependants with a disability. The activities provide much needed respite for the Legacy



widows who continue to cope with the difficult ongoing role of caring for sons and daughters with a disability.



*If you share the ideals of Legacy
and would like to assist in some way,
Legacy would welcome
an enquiry from you.*

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Legacy receives some Government assistance by way of grants for specific projects. However, to maintain its services, Legacy is heavily dependent on public support.

LEGACY needs your help to continue our welfare work of caring for the dependants of deceased veterans. You may care to assist in providing for the future of Legacy by a gift of a nominated sum or share of your estate by means of a bequest in your Will. Donations and Bequests are gratefully received and faithfully applied.



Legacy

Caring for Families of Deceased Veterans since 1923



Legacy helps with:

- Welfare support for widows
- Housing and financial assistance
- Personal counselling
- Pension claims and advocacy
- Education of children
- Holiday camps and activities
- Local Widows' Clubs providing social activities and member support
- Welfare support for dependants with a disability

Enquiries:

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The first Legacy Club was formed in Melbourne in 1923 by a group of young men who had served together in the Australian Forces in WW1. These young veterans believed that they must accept a legacy of responsibility for the welfare of the wives and children of their comrades who had either died during the 1914-18 war or who had since died. There are now 49 Legacy Clubs in Australia with more than 6,000 Legatee members caring for some 120,000 widows and children.

The original ideals of LEGACY - voluntary personal service, caring and comradeship continue today. Over \$10 million is spent annually in supporting Legacy families. Most of those funds come from the generosity of the public.

LEGACY puts great emphasis on personal contact. *The Spirit of Legacy is Service* which is provided by its members (Legatees) throughout Australia to widows, dependants with a disability and children of those who served in war and other operational areas (including peace-keeping)



and who died on service or subsequently. Legacy also supports the dependants of

members of today's Australian Defence Force who lose their lives as a result of that service.

LEGACY WIDOWS

Widows and widowers of men and women who served in World Wars 1 & 2, Korea, Malaysia, Vietnam, Gulf Wars, Afghanistan and Iraq and peace keeping forces who were killed in action or died subsequently, including serving ADF members who were killed in hazardous training. Today around Australia there are some 120,000 widows who come under the care of Legacy.



JUNIOR LEGATEES

The children of Legacy widows are referred to as Junior Legatees. Those who have a disability will always receive Legacy help. Other children are assisted until they reach 18 years of age or complete their tertiary studies.

LEGATEES

Today, nationally there are some 6,000 Legatees who commit personal time and effort for the benefit of Legacy widows and their dependants. All Legatees are volunteers. As well as returned ex-service men and women, there are now many former Junior Legatees and other people who simply share the Legacy ideals who have been inducted as Legatees. Legacy would welcome an enquiry about membership from like-minded people who would like to help in some way.

LEGACY SERVICES

Welfare Services for Widows

Each year some 5,000 recently bereaved widows are enrolled with Legacy. They receive an initial contact call with the offer of sympathetic personal support. Legacy employs professional Welfare Officers to assist Legatees to provide counselling and general advice with housing and welfare issues.

Pensions Claims and Advocacy

Legacy provides personal help with War Widows' pension claims and appeals.

Financial Assistance

Families receive direct financial grants and loans to help in cases of special housing, welfare and educational needs.

Social Support and Healthy Living

To help widows respond to isolation and loneliness Legacy provides many program options. Social interaction and recreational outings are available through local Widows' Clubs. Peer group support is also encouraged via a number of special interest groups and healthy living activities such as walks and exercise classes.

Education

Legacy gives priority to the education of the children of Legacy families. Education grants are made available to help with fees, books, clothing and travel expenses. Junior Legatees are assisted throughout primary, secondary and tertiary education.

